

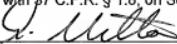
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
John A. Gelardi }
Application No.: **10/560,199** } Art Unit: **3724**
Filing Date: **December 8, 2005** } Examiner: **Ghassem Alie**
For: **System for Storing and Unpacking Encased Articles** }

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

By Office Action mailed on August 15, 2008, the Examiner restricted the prosecution of the above-identified application to one the following groups:

Group I Claims 1, 3-5 and 8-9, drawn to a system for storing and
 opening enclosed articles

Group II Claim 7, drawn to a method of providing and opening
 encased article

Group III Claims 10-16, drawn to a sealed-cutting apparatus
 Applicant elects to prosecute the claims of Group III (10-16), without
traverse.